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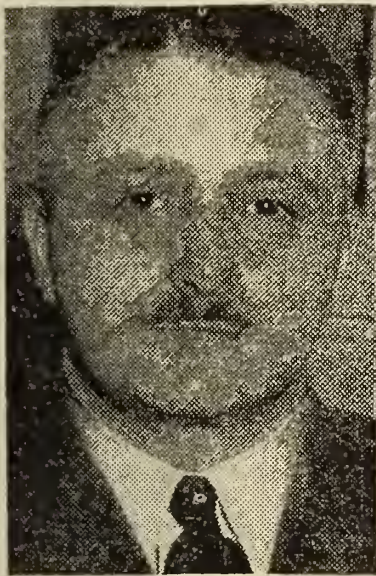
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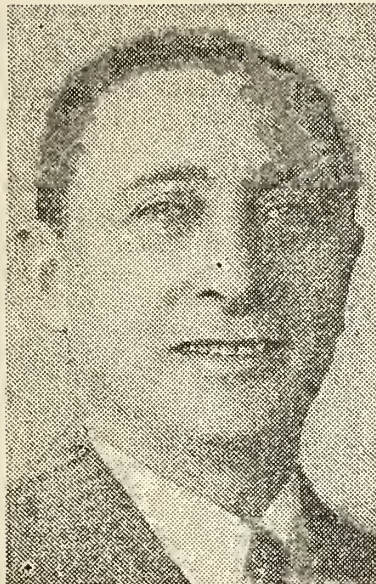
MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRMEN



B. M. ALEXANDOR

The tenseness which prevails in Jewish political affairs in Palestine and Europe is reflected on this continent in a grim determination on the part of all thinking Jews to lend such support as they can. True, we can not take part in the historic congresses and conferences at which the destiny of our people is being shaped, we do not have the opportunity of actual participation in the work of rescue and rehabilitation among the displaced Jews of Europe, and we are not called upon to carry out the arduous tasks that fill the everyday life of the Jews in Palestine. But there is a feeling among the Jews on this continent that they must assist in the solution of their people's problem, and they feel impelled to identify themselves with the currents of thought and action which are sweeping the world.

In the past years we have tried hard to influence the trend of events; we have attempted to strengthen our own Zionist organizations, we have intensified educational programs among our own young people, and by means of demo-



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cratic political action we have presented our case to the non-Jewish public. At the same time we have continued with our fund-raising activities, and have achieved higher goals in each succeeding year.

The present dismal political impasse is discouraging considering all the time and effort that have been expended in enlightening the public mind about Zionism. Equally disheartening is the fact that the Yishuv is strained in trying to carry on its work of construction in the face of banditry, brigandage and military constraint.

But the wonder of it is that the work of building the Jewish national home goes progressively forward day by day and every day. New immigrants arrive, new colonies are founded, more crops are raised, and resources of all kinds ever increase. This, the most encouraging and durable phase of all our activities, is made possible only through the money that we raise. If everything else seems to have failed, we can at least

HELEN WARREN OF NEW YORK GUEST SPEAKER

With the distinction of being the first city in Canada to conduct its United Palestine Appeal in 1947, Ottawa will officially launch its Campaign with a Dinner on Thursday evening, February 6th at 7.00 o'clock in the Chateau Laurier Ballroom. Guest speaker Helen Warren is a well-known American stage, screen and radio star, a dynamic speaker and a woman of great personal charm. She speaks from conviction and first hand experience, for her recent visits to Europe and Palestine have made her a sympathetic and ardent Zionist. Cantor Nathan Mendelson of the Shaar Hashomayim Congregation of Montreal will be "Guest Chazan" on the program. Tickets are \$1.50 per person, and may be obtained from Miss Helen Abelson at the Talmud Torah, Telephone 4-3264.

point to concrete achievement in Palestine, the direct result of funds contributed to the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund.

As the United Palestine Appeal and Youth Aliyah Campaign gets under way during the next few weeks, the Ottawa Jewish Community will have its opportunity to cement the partnership that exists between us and the Jewish Community of Palestine. It is for us to buy the land for them and give them the tools; they will provide the human resources, the labour and the sacrifice upon which the homeland is being built. The greater our contributions, the greater will be their achievement and the more firmly rooted they will be in Palestine.

In urging the community to support the Campaign we hope that every Jew will recognize the opportunity and challenge that confronts him, and that the response will be worthy of the cause.

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ELEVATING STANDARDS OF RELIGIOUS FUNCTIONS

The New York Board of Jewish Ministers on whose Executive Board our Rabbi served prior to his coming to Ottawa, has adopted the following recommendations regarding engaged couples and the wedding ceremony:

1. A courtesy to the Rabbi on the part of couples who have become engaged is to inform the Rabbi of the happy event to receive his blessing and congratulations.
2. Dates for weddings at which the Rabbi is to be invited to officiate should as far as possible not be set without first consulting him.
3. The Rabbi must interview the engaged couple sometime before the wedding is to take place, particularly in the case of couples who are strangers to the Rabbi, in order that the Rabbi should be satisfied that there are no religious or civil impediments to the marriage and to acquaint the couple with the significance and the details of the marriage ceremony.
4. Engaged couples are to be encouraged to follow the Jewish tradition of attending Sabbath Services with the members of their families before the wedding day. On this Sabbath, the Rabbi may offer a Special Benediction for the couple. The pre-nuptial program of the couple should take cognizance of this tradition and should keep this date free for attendance at the Synagogue.
5. No secular songs or music should be sanctioned during the marriage ritual, but a song or songs may be rendered prior to the commencement of the Processional.
6. No photographs whatsoever are to be taken of the marriage ceremony during the conduct of the ritual. If any photographs are desired, they may be taken of the Processional or Recessional, or of the Breaking of the Glass.

BOOK NOTES

by Deborah Lifschutz

THIEVES IN THE NIGHT. By Arthur Koestler. Toronto, Macmillan Company. 1946. 357 pages.

In his usual masterly and distinguished style, Arthur Koestler has given us a challenging story of modern Palestine. For a long time we had been looking forward to this—the story of the Jewish struggle for national recognition in Palestine today. It is told absorbingly and intensely.

With penetrating understanding, Mr. Koestler gives us life in Palestine from 1937-1939; the setting up of a Kvutza within one night, warding off Arab attacks, problems that arise in the compact communal life of people stemming from different environments, and the solution of those problems for the common good.

This is the story of Joseph, a young half-Jew, driven to Zionism by an unfortunate experience with an anti-Semitic woman, in love with Dina whom he cannot marry because of her bitter experiences at the hands of the Nazis, of Simeon, of Bauman, and of others, all brought together from different parts, with the common desire to rebuild a life for themselves and Palestine.

Out of this intense book emerges the just case of the Jewish people, despite the convincing manner in which the Arab case is presented, and despite the British preference for the Arabs "because they are more easily managed and are thus better material out of which to fashion colonial people."

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SCRIPTURES. By Lewis Browne. Toronto, Macmillan Company 1946. 559 pages.

Lewis Browne, whom we know especially for his "This Believing World", brings us an anthology of the World's holy literature. As he so well expresses it, there are at least three aspects to every great religion: faith, hope and charity. Faith is the theology, hope is the ritual and charity is the ethics. What Lewis Browne has done, is to give us the ethical element in each religion, the moral laws and social preachments. For, while men may differ in manner of worship, they all agree as to which is the humane way of life, and the best manner of living. The ethics of all civilization is the common denominator in all religions. The scriptures of all major faiths of past and present are here represented.

JEWISH YOUTH ASKS FOR RIGHT TO SERVE

by Norman Shavin

Youth desires to be recognized for what it actually is. In us you will find powerful forces—talents now latent, but which need only the awakening touch of opportunity. We look to our elders to establish the framework within which we shall build. Let us know your demands, and you will find us ready—eager—to prove ourselves. All we ask is recognition of our potentialities; then, opportunity to employ our weapons of creativeness.

Youth wants social and recreational facilities. Youth wants cultural and educational facilities. Youth wants Jewish education. Youth wants more inter-faith projects. Youth wants vocational guidance. Youth wants co-educational social functions.

Youth wants to know its past, its present and its future; whence we came and where we are going. Jewish youth cannot expect others to understand until we first understand ourselves.

That's why we want an awareness and understanding of the Jewish cultural heritage; an understanding of anti-Semitism, its cause and effect—its manifestations in education, employment and social life; a knowledge of how to cope with it. That's why youth wants positive Jewish cultural and educational experience, an understanding of the organization of Jewish life in the community, the nation and the world. That's why youth wants to be taught religious significance and the role they play in our environment.

We as youth are deeply and vitally concerned with social and political issues. We want a voice in support or rejection of the decisions which are directly affecting our lives. In short, we, as thinking, mature individuals want **not** a condescending pat on the head and an occasional smile—we desire to be heard—our influence must be felt. We want endorsement as an alive and dynamic powerhouse of ideas, suggestions and actions. We want to help you and ourselves. By educating us in our formative years in the ways of leadership and constructive thinking, you insure the life of the community, for you prepare us to assume the jobs of direction which time shall force you to vacate.

By virtue of its age, youth is thought rash—reckless. But it is not. This impatience—this impetuosity—is the result of inadequate guidance and thwarted ambition.

What Youth wants is "opportunity". Will you give us that chance?

CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT SUPPLEMENT

JEWISH ARBOR DAY

On Wednesday, February 5, we celebrate Chamisho Osor B'Shvat, the Jewish Arbor Day. In Palestine, the Jewish children will go out and plant their little trees. In the Diaspora, we celebrate by eating of the fruits of Palestine, by pronouncing the blessing "She-he-chayonu" for the fruits as yet not eaten during the year, and by purchasing trees in Palestine through the Jewish National Fund. The Talmud refers to this day as the New Year of the trees.

In ancient times it was customary in Jerusalem to plant a tree for every new child born -- cedar (strong and tall) for a male, and a cypress or pine (fragrant and gentle) for a female. The trees were later cut down and used as posts for the canopy (Chuppah) at their wedding ceremony.

CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT QUIZZ

1. What does Chamisho Osor B'Shvat mean?
2. By what Hebrew name is "Chamisho Osor" known?
3. What does Rosh Hashonoh L'iloth mean?
4. How is Chamisho Osor observed in Palestine?
5. What peculiar custom has been in vogue in Jerusalem in connection with the planting of trees?
6. To what special use were these trees put?
7. How do Jews outside of Palestine observe Chamisho Osor?
8. In what manner do the Hebrew Schools in Palestine celebrate Chamisho Osor?

A LEGEND

The Talmud relates an interesting legend of the Jewish Rip Van Winkle. An aged man -- the story begins -- was once diligently at work planting a carob tree (now, traditionally, a carob tree takes seventy years to produce fruit). Along came his friend Honi, and asked: -

"Why do you toil in vain? Surely you do not expect to taste the fruit of your tree?"

"Ah, my dear Honi," the elderly man replied, "do I not enjoy the products of trees which my fathers before me have planted? Why, then, should I not contribute to the welfare of generations to come?"

Honi meditated on this, and soon fell into a deep sleep.... Seventy long years rolled by, and Honi awoke in the shade of a beautiful carob tree. Yes, it was that very tree which he had seen planted seven decades ago. It had now become a blessing and delight for the children and grandchildren of that wise, old planter.

QUIZZ (Continued)

9. Name three kinds of trees that grow in Palestine.
10. Name five Palestinian fruits.
11. What is the approximate area of Palestine?
12. What proportion of Palestine is at present cultivated?
13. What is the Jewish population of Palestine?
14. Who are the Chalutzim?

ROUND TOWN

Another month, another column, and lots of happenings round townCongratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Betcherman on their 25th wedding anniversary....the Community joins in felicitating Rabbi Rose upon his marriage to Miss Bernstein and wishes them a lifetime of health and happiness....a local boy, Rabbi Rose served with distinction as a Chaplain with the Canadian forces overseas and now occupies the post of Executive Director of Canadian Young Judaea....a hearty welcome is extended to Rabbi O.Z. Fasman who is in the city for the Rose wedding....Dr. Nathan Schoeter has been successful in passing a specialist examination in internal medicine and has been awarded a Specialist Certificate by the Royal College of Physicians of Canada.... He is amongst the first of seven doctors across Canada who have been so honoured....Mr. A.L. Achbar has been appointed a Director of the Hull Board of Trade....Mrs. Marsha Caplan made news in the November 1946 issue of "Profitable Hobbies" magazine....We saw some of her work and think it excellent.... special mention goes to Mrs. Zelda Roodman for a grand piece of work on the Hadassah Calendar....Chevra Mishnayot of the Congregation Machzikai Hadath, Murray Street will hold their Annual Banquet and Elections on Sunday, February 9thB'nai B'rith Ladies Auxiliary has announced the formation of a "Business and Professional Girl's Group" for single girls over 20 years of age. Interested parties should Mrs. Lionel Metrick at 3-8615....Harold Rubin D.F.C. was guest speaker at a very successful Chanukah Tea held Dec. 22 by the Overseas Parcel Committee. Convenors were Mrs. S. Goldberg, Mrs. H. Baker, Mrs. H. Weiss and Mrs. G. Roberts. Mrs. M.J. Isaacs was Chairlady....Thanks Dr. Schechter, Mr. David Bernstein of Montreal, Mrs. Hyman of Brockville and Mrs. Smokin of Almonte for your donations to the overseas parcel project....

THE PROMISE OF CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT

By Jessie E. Samptor

Hark your olives shall be shaken
And your citrons and your limes
Filled with fragrance, God shall
waken
Lead you as in olden times.
In the pastures by the river
Ye once more your flocks shall
tend,
Ye shall live and live forever,
Happy lives that know no end.
No more wandering, no more sadness,
Peace shall be your lot, and still
Hero-hearts shall throb with glad-
ness
Nearth Moriah's silent hill,
Nevermore of dread afflictions,
Or oppressions need ye tell;
Filled with joy and benedictions
In the old home shall ye dwell.
To the fatherland returning,
Following the homeward path
Ye shall find the embers burning
Still, upon the ruined hearth.

ROUND TOWN (Continued)

Mrs. Roberts is continuing her untiring efforts on behalf of our stricken brethren overseas.... Y.P.L. has become reactivated and had excellent turnouts at its first two meetings at the Chateau Laurier at which Phillip Stuchen and Leo Heaps were guest speakers....an Ottawa Hebrew Senior Association delegation under Walter Doctor visited the Veterans Pavilion at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Jan. 15 and distributed candy and fruit to the grateful veteransTel Aviv Tennis Club will hold its Annual Dinner Dance at the Chateau Laurier on Thursday, March 6. Dress is optional. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the executive or at Gould's Camera and Art Shop....Ladies Auxiliary of the Hebrew Benefit Society are concentrating their efforts on overseas relief.... Camp B'nai B'rith announces that applications are now being accepted for counsellorships for next season. Forms may be obtained from Hy Hochberg at 171 George Street, Telephone 4-7086.....

A black and white photograph of a woman in a headscarf and patterned dress standing next to a tall, ornate, multi-tiered metal stand, possibly a candelabrum or a decorative lamp. The stand has several small, lit candles or lights at its base. The background is dark and textured.

SCHEDULE

February 7	4.59	p.m.
February 14	5.09	p.m.
February 21	5.19	p.m.
February 28	5.29	p.m.
March 7	5.39	p.m.

The Sisterhood of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation held its annual meeting and elections of officers on Wednesday, January 22, in the vestry rooms of the Synagogue. In the absence of Mrs. Gordon Caplan, the past-president, Mrs. H. Gould presided. Reports were given by Mrs. S. Lepofsky, Mrs. H. Gould, Mrs. S. Ritt and Mrs. A. Hurtig. Election results follow:

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RABBI EMANUEL L. LIFSCHUTZ

WILL REVIEW

"EAST RIVER"

By SHOLEM ASCH

Communal Zemiroths Will Be Led By Cantor Joseph Rabin

Tea And Refreshments Will Be Served By The Adath Jeshurun
Sisterhood At The Conclusion Of The Service

On January 15, Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz inaugurated a High School of Jewish Studies in Ottawa. This School is intended to provide a Jewish education on the adolescent level for the numerous young men and women attending the city's High Schools, and who have either graduated from the Talmud Torah or have left it, and who are in terms of Jewish knowledge, inadequately prepared to meet adult Jewish life.

Courses are offered in the following Departments: Modern Hebrew, Jewish History, Jewish Philosophy, Bible, Zionism and Music. A curriculum of four years study leading to graduation has been planned.

Sessions are held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8.15 to 9.45 o'clock. Students may register with the office of the High School by calling Rabbi Lifschutz at 4-7086.

THREE WORLD FAMOUS CANTORS TO VISIT OTTAWA

UNDER AUSPICES OF
HISTADRUT LEAGUE

Feb. 26 Samuel Vigoda
Chateau Laurier, Convention Hall

April 2 Moishe Oysher
Technical School, Auditorium

May 21 Louis Waldman
Technical School, Auditorium

Tickets \$1.50 at Capitol Hotel
Smoke Bar, or from member of
Histadrut.

OTTAWA HEBREW BENEFIT SOCIETY ELECTION RESULTS

At this election meeting held December 25, the Ottawa Hebrew Benefit Society elected the following officers for the year 1947:

President I. L. Arron
Vice-President: M. Lobel
Treasurer: I. B. Bodnoff
Financial Secretary: J. Stoller
Recording Secretary: H. Gencher
Trustees: D. Friendly
 B. Greenberg
 I. Hartman
Inside Guard: M. Flesher
Marshal: N. Lang

HADASSAH DONOR DINNER SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 18

Ottawa Council of Hadassah have announced that the Annual Donor Dinner will be held at 7.00 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18th, in the Chateau Laurier Hotel. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Barnett Janner, J. P., of London, England, an outstanding English Zionist and social worker. Mascha Benya of New York. Soprano, who has endeared herself to Jewish audiences by her superb rendition of Yiddish and Palestinian songs will be the guest artist on the program.

A CLASS IN SHULCHAN ARUCH (JEWISH CODES)

Rabbi Lifschutz is giving a course in Jewish Codes at the Agudath Achim Congregation (Rideau St.), on Sunday mornings, immediately following morning services at 9.00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Budovitch (nee Ethel Gertrude Greenberg) who were married January 19 in the Agudath Achim Synagogue. Our best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Greenberg, parents of the bride, and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Budovitch of Fredericton, N.B., parents of the groom. The young couple will reside in Fredericton.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freedman (nee Doris Glatt) who were married December 22 in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Myer Glatt and the late Mrs. Esther Glatt, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freedman of Syracuse, N. Y. The young couple will reside in Syracuse.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Shapiro (nee Rae Feldman) who were married January 12 in Windsor. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Lily Feldman and the late Mr. Feldman of Windsor, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shapiro. The young couple will reside in Windsor.

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Anne Koffman, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Koffman and the late Mr. S. Koffman, and to Mr. Alfred C. Bloom, son of Mrs. Deborah Bloom and the late Mr. Bloom of Toronto, who will be married February 22. The young couple will reside in Ottawa.

Congratulations to Miss Chava Bernstein, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein of Holland, and to Rabbi Isaac B. Rose, son of Mrs. K. Rose and the late Mr. Louis Rose, who were married February 4 in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue. The young couple will reside in Montreal.

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Sonia Lazear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lazear, and to Mr. Sheldom Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Shaffer, who will be married on February 9. The young couple will reside in Ottawa.

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Dorothy Zelikovitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Zelikovitz, and to Mr. Harold Orlick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Orlick of Montreal, who will be married February 27 at the Chateau Laurier. The young couple will reside in Montreal.

BAR - MITZVAHS



Herbert Gerald Abrams

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Abrams upon the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Herbert Gerald, which will be celebrated at the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, Saturday morning, February 8.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shaffer upon the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Howard Mitchell, which will be celebrated at the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, Saturday morning, February 22.

CRADLE ROLL

Baby son Barry Michael (Boruch Moshe,) born Jan. 7 to Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Ages (nee Esther Rafal).

Baby daughter Bryna born Dec. 24 to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dutnoff (nee Selma Lewis).

Baby son Julian Lawrence (Yehuda Leib) born Jan. 10 to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gitterman (nee Bella Edelson).

Baby son Norman Arthur (Nota Abraham) born Dec. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greenberg (nee Ruth Saslove).

Baby son David Irwin (Yisroel David) born Jan. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Greenberg (nee Helen Raport).

Baby daughter Reesa (Raisa) born Dec. 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Greenberg (nee Sibyl Moscovitch).

Baby son Steven Charles (Kopel) born Jan. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Marks (nee Gertrude Herman).

Baby son John Mark (Jacob Maier) born Dec. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. David Molot (nee Lotte Langstadt).

Baby son Daniel born Dec. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slipacoff (nee Thelma Shabsove).



Arnold Gosewich

Felicitations are extended on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gosewich, which will be celebrated at the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, Saturday morning, March 1.

Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Taller on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son, Myles, which will be celebrated at the Agudath Achim Synagogue, Saturday morning, February 15.

Congratulations are extended on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hock, which was celebrated at the Agudath Israel Synagogue, Saturday morning, January 25.

ENGAGEMENT

The Community takes great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Lily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Berlin to Mr. Abbey Evenchick, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Evenchick.

SADNESS

The Community mourns the recent loss of the late

Freda Greenblatt

Harry LaPorter

Louis Molot

Moses Palmer

Nathan Jack Shinder

May their memories be a blessing. May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.

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and

YOUTH ALIYAH CAMPAIGN

"The Need Is More Urgent
Now Than Ever"

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